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DEVIL

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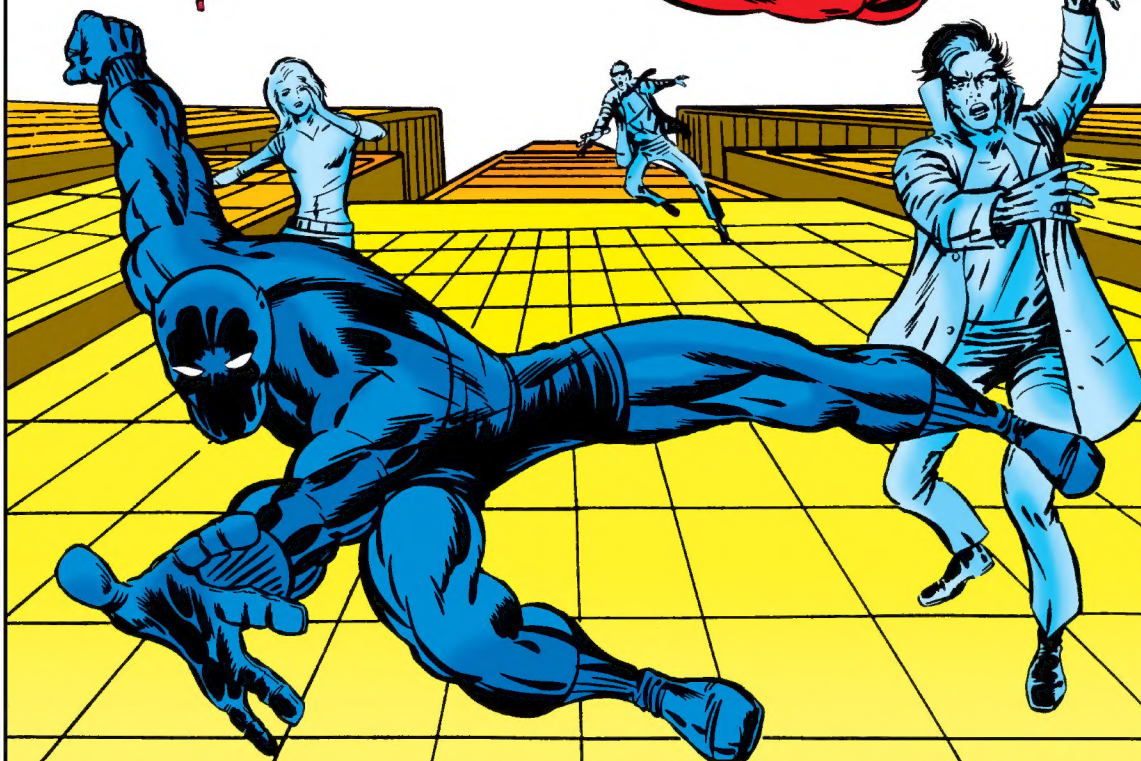
HERE COMES...

DAREDEVIL

THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR!

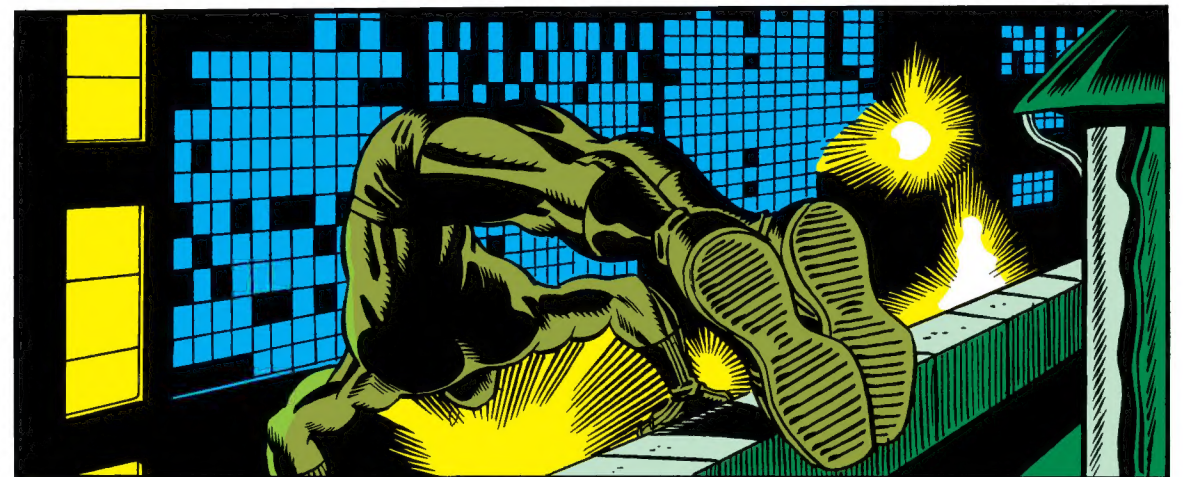
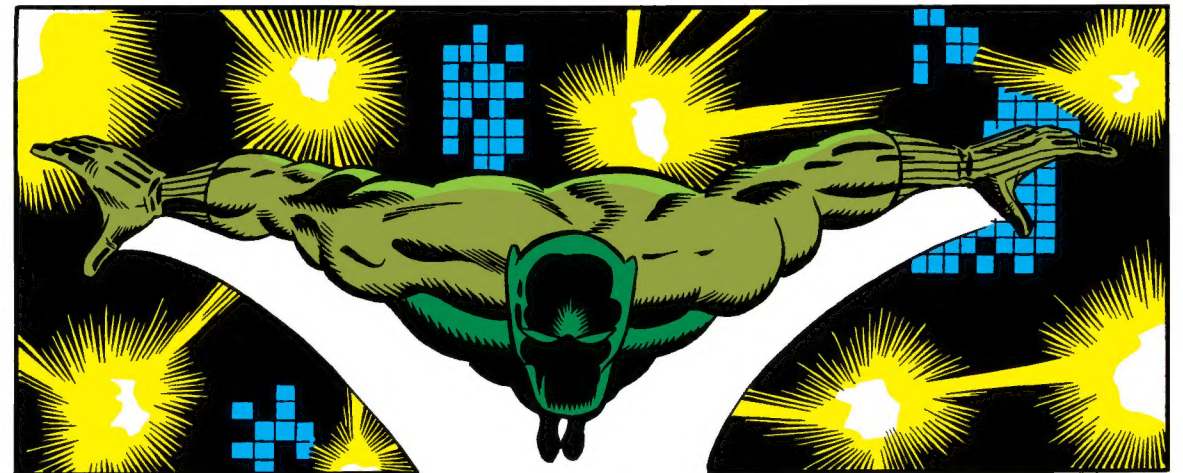
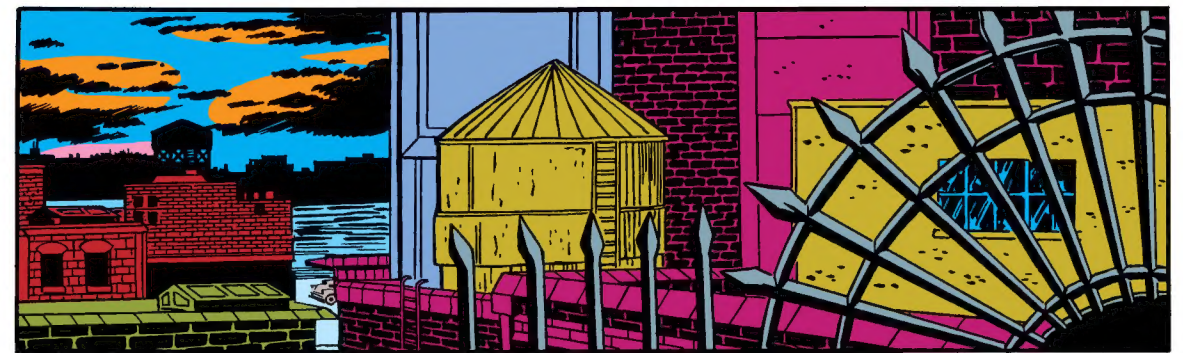
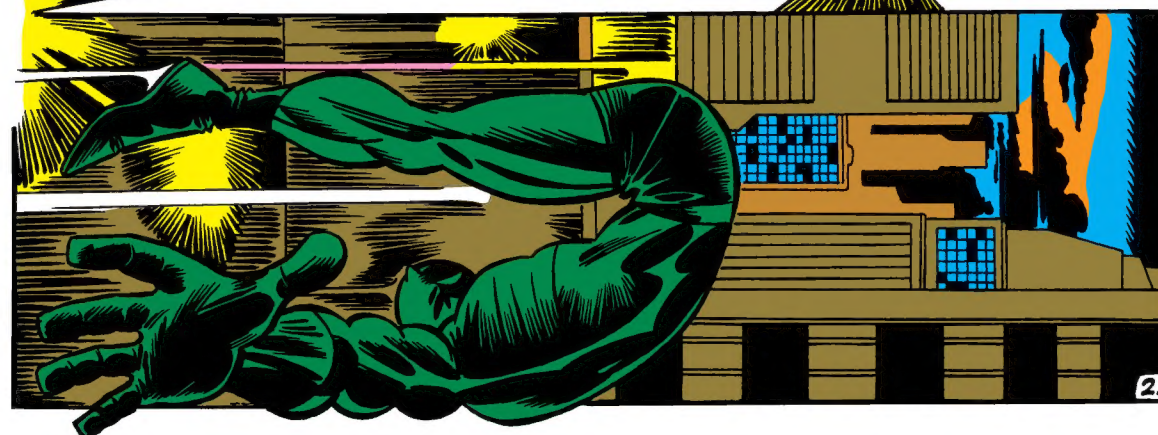
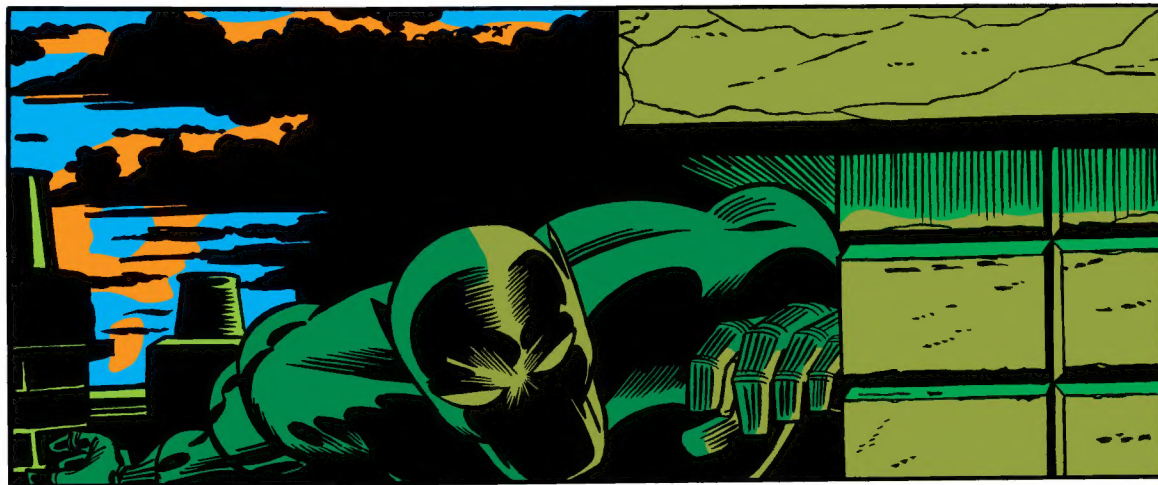
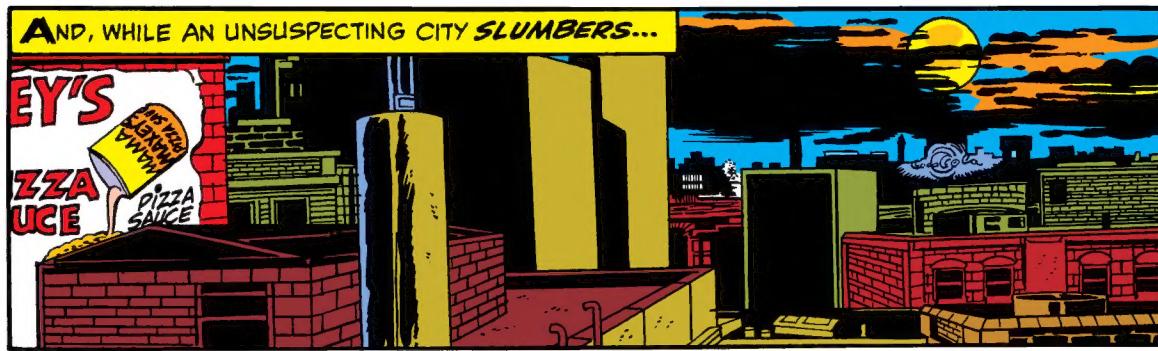


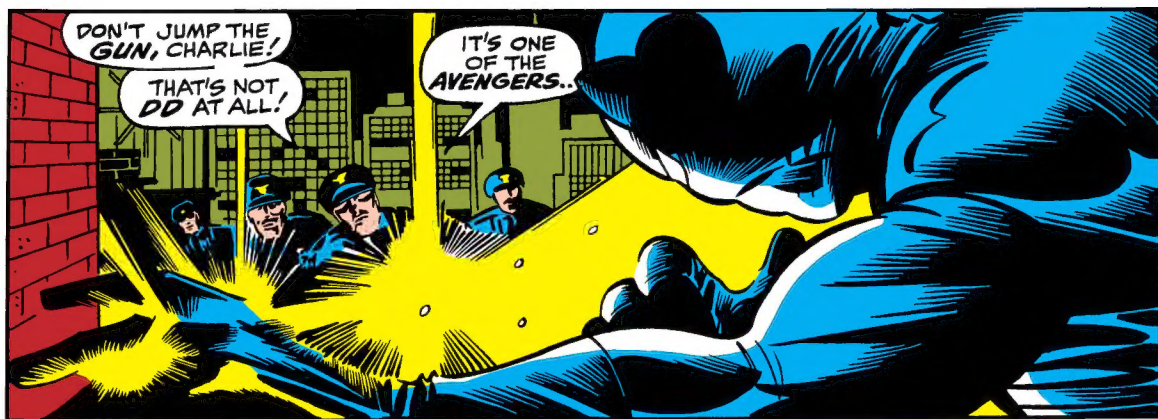
MARVEL
COMICS
GROUP



THE NIGHT OF THE PANTHER!







DON'T JUMP THE GUN, CHARLIE!

THAT'S NOT DD AT ALL!

IT'S ONE OF THE AVENGERS..

...THE ONE CALLED...
THE BLACK PANTHER!



IF THAT IS SETTLED, OFFICER...

YOUR FLASHLIGHT, PLEASE!

SORRY, AVENGER!

THAT'S BETTER!
I PREFER DARKNESS
...TO LIGHT!

NOW, IF YOU WILL TELL ME
WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT...?

I'M FRANKLIN NELSON,
D.A...

DD WAS WOUNDED EARLIER... GIVEN A BLOOD TEST!

BUT, HE DIDN'T WAIT FOR ITS RESULTS...

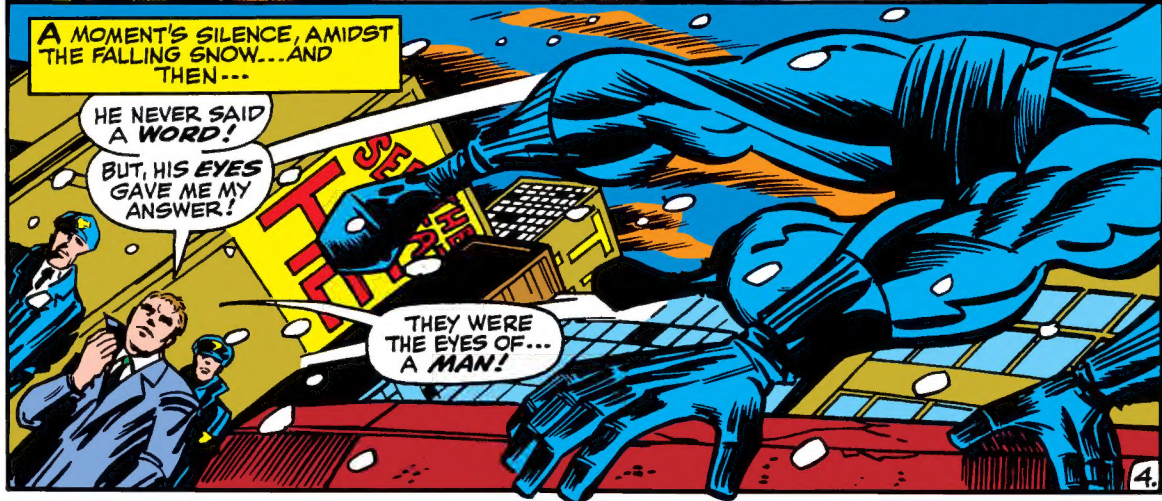
WHICH SHOWED HE HAD A VIOLENT REACTION TO IT!

THE DOCTORS SAY HE MUST BE FOUND... AND FAST...

OR HE'S A DEAD MAN!

I REALIZE YOU DON'T KNOW HIM... NEVER MET HIM...

BUT... WILL YOU HELP US?



A MOMENT'S SILENCE, AMIDST THE FALLING SNOW...AND THEN...

HE NEVER SAID A WORD!

BUT, HIS EYES GAVE ME MY ANSWER!

THEY WERE THE EYES OF... A MAN!



I'M AWARE OF HOW **SIMILAR** IS MY SILHOUETTE TO **DAREDEVIL'S!**

I WONDER... ARE THERE ANY **OTHER** SIMILARITIES?

CAN HE PERHAPS **SEE** IN THE DARK, AS I CAN?

OR HAS HE **NO** SUPER-POWERS AT ALL?

BUT, PERHAPS I SHALL LEARN **THAT**... IF AND WHEN I **FIND** HIM!

THIS IS THE **PANTHER**... CALLING **AVENGERS** HQ...!

YELLOW-JACKET HERE! T'CHALLA!

ANY **LUCK** YET, LOCATING OUR BOY **HAWKEYE**?

IT ISN'T LIKE HIM TO WALK OFF **MONITOR** DUTY!

NEGATIVE, HANK! MEANWHILE, I HAVE **ANOTHER** TASK!

BESIDES TRACKING DOWN OUR **WANDERING** **ARCHER**?*

THE HERO CALLED **DAREDEVIL** IS ALSO AMONG THE **MISSING**... AND IN **MORTAL** DANGER!

I HAVE AGREED TO JOIN THE **SEARCH** FOR HIM! **OVER AND OUT!**

WHEW! OUR **AFRICAN** **AVENGER** DOESN'T **WASTE** **WORDS!**

AN ALL TOO **HUMAN** **FAILING**... AS FAR AS THE **VISION** IS **CONCERNED!**

...I REMEMBER **READING** OF **DAREDEVIL'S** **FRIENDSHIP** WITH **DISTRICT** **ATTORNEY** **NELSON**... AND WITH HIS **BLIND** **FORMER** **LAW-PARTNER**... **MATTHEW** **MURDOCK!**

DOUBTLESS THE **POLICE** HAVE **ALREADY** **VISITED** **MURDOCK**... BUT THEY HAVE NOT THE **RESOURCES** OF...THE **PANTHER!**



*OBVIOUSLY, THE ABOVE SEQUENCE OCCURS BETWEEN AVENGERS #63 AND 64!...STAN.



MURDOCK
LIVES NEAR
HERE...THUS...

WAIT!

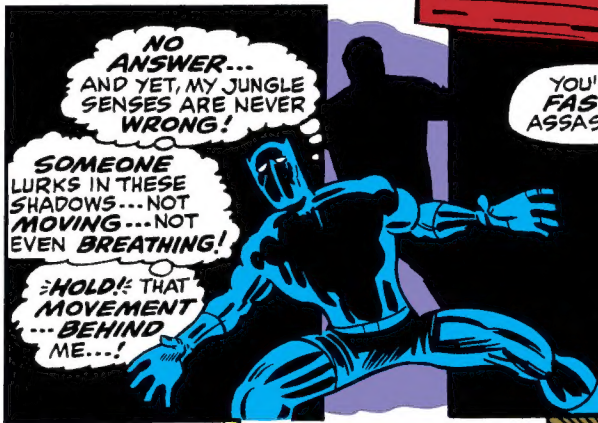
I SEEM TO
FEEL...SOME
HIDDEN
PRESENCE...

ALMOST AT
MY VERY
SHOULDER!



DAREDEVIL!

IS
THAT
YOU??



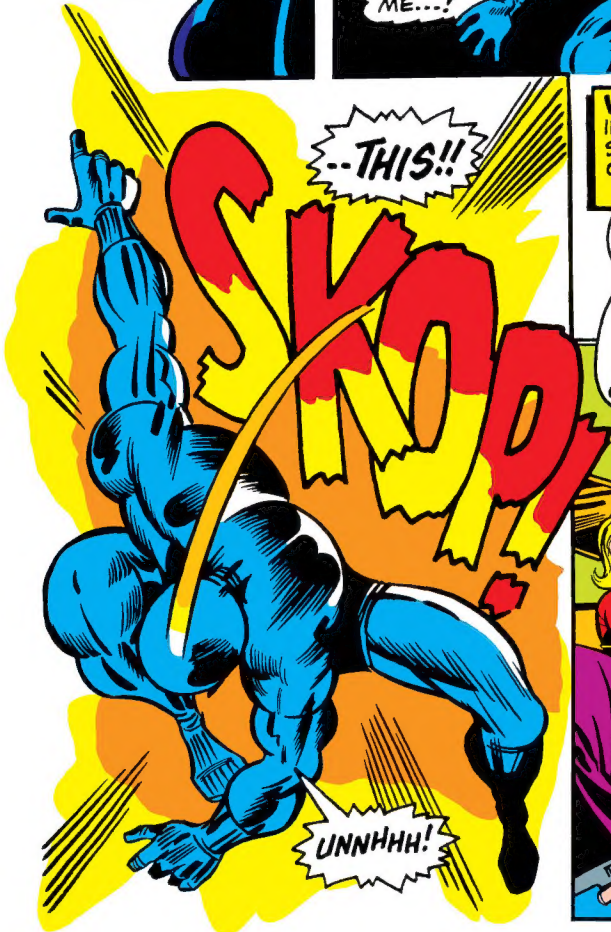
NO
ANSWER...
AND YET, MY JUNGLE
SENSES ARE NEVER
WRONG!

SOMEONE
LURKS IN THESE
SHADOWS...NOT
MOVING...NOT
EVEN BREATHING!

HOLD! THAT
MOVEMENT
...BEHIND
ME...!

YOU'RE
FAST,
ASSASSIN!

BUT NOT
FAST ENOUGH
TO AVOID...



...THIS!!

UNNNHH!

WHILE, NOT FAR AWAY,
IN THE RECENTLY RAN-
SACKED APARTMENT
OF OUR STILL-UNSEEN
HERO...

YOU MUST TELL
ME...WHO ARE
YOU...

AND WHY
DID YOU
BRING ME
HERE...AT
GUNPOINT?

EASY,
MISS
PAGE!



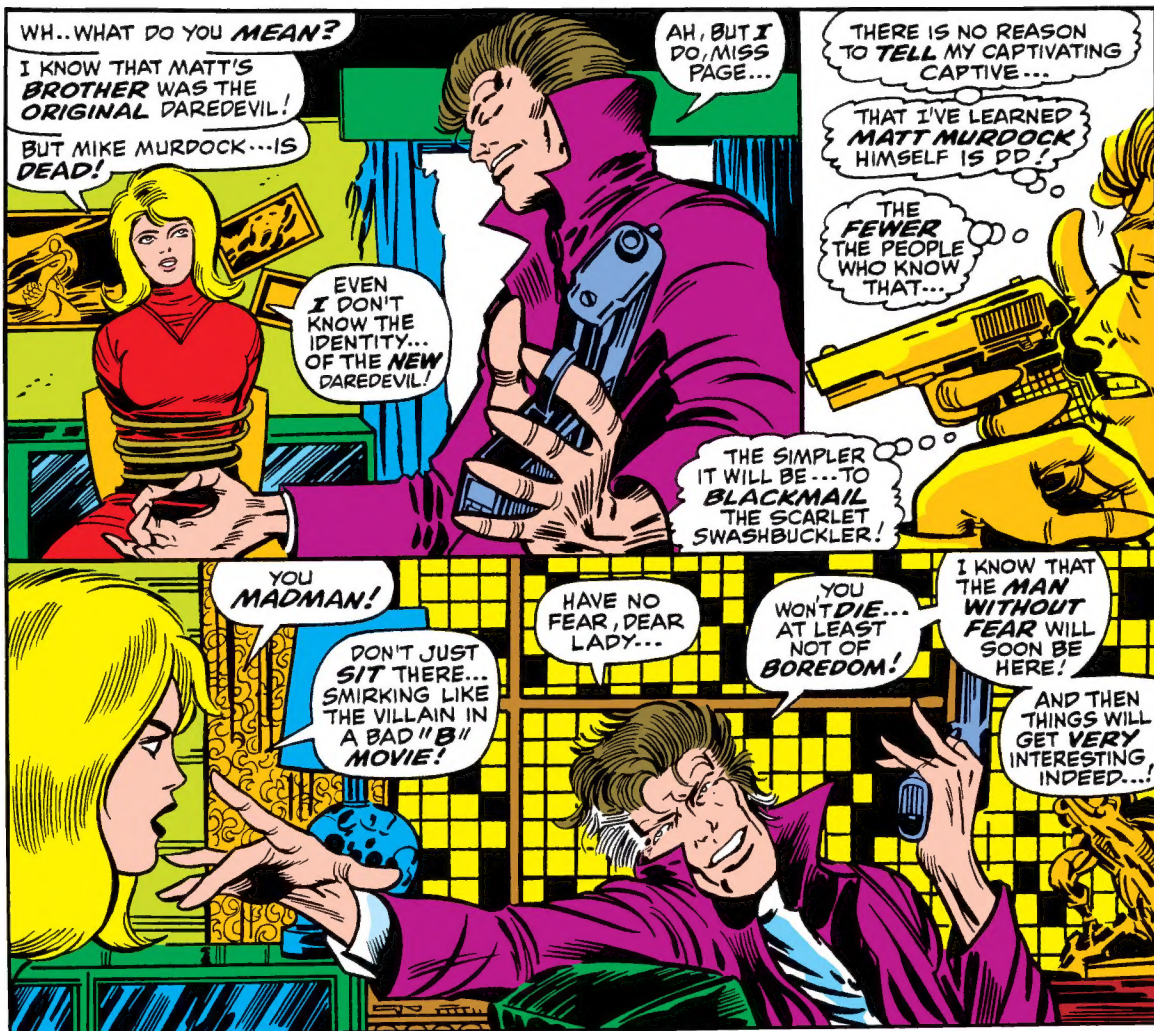
REST ASSURED...
THERE IS METHOD
IN THE SEEMING
MADNESS OF STARR
SAXON!

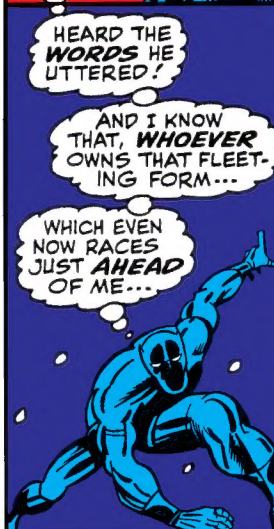
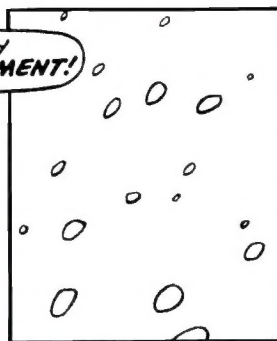
WE ARE
WAITING...
WAITING
FOR DARE-
DEVIL!

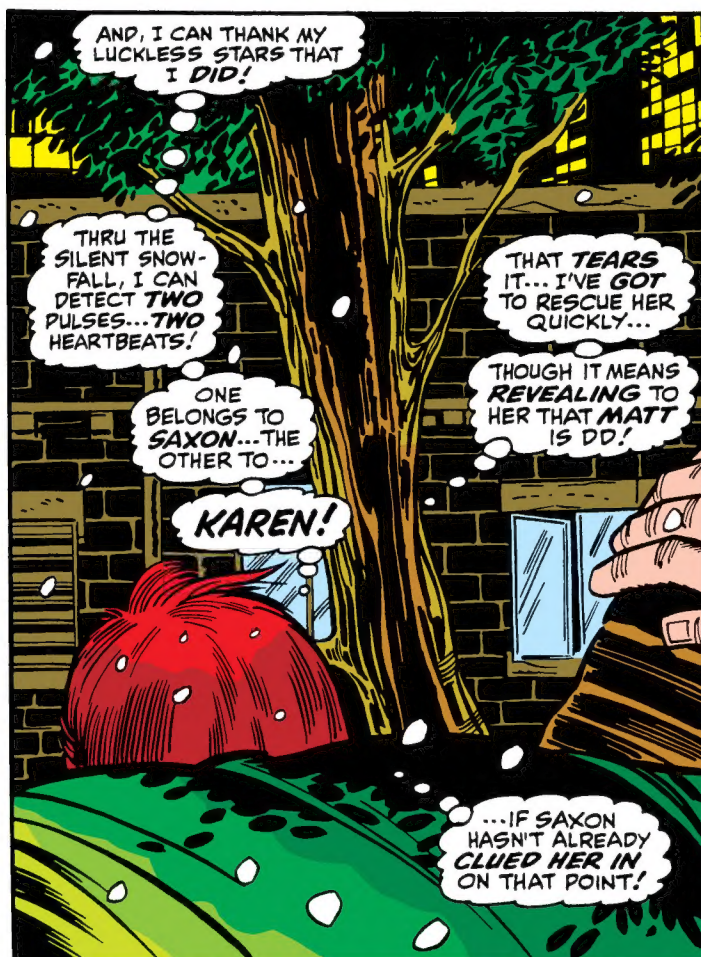
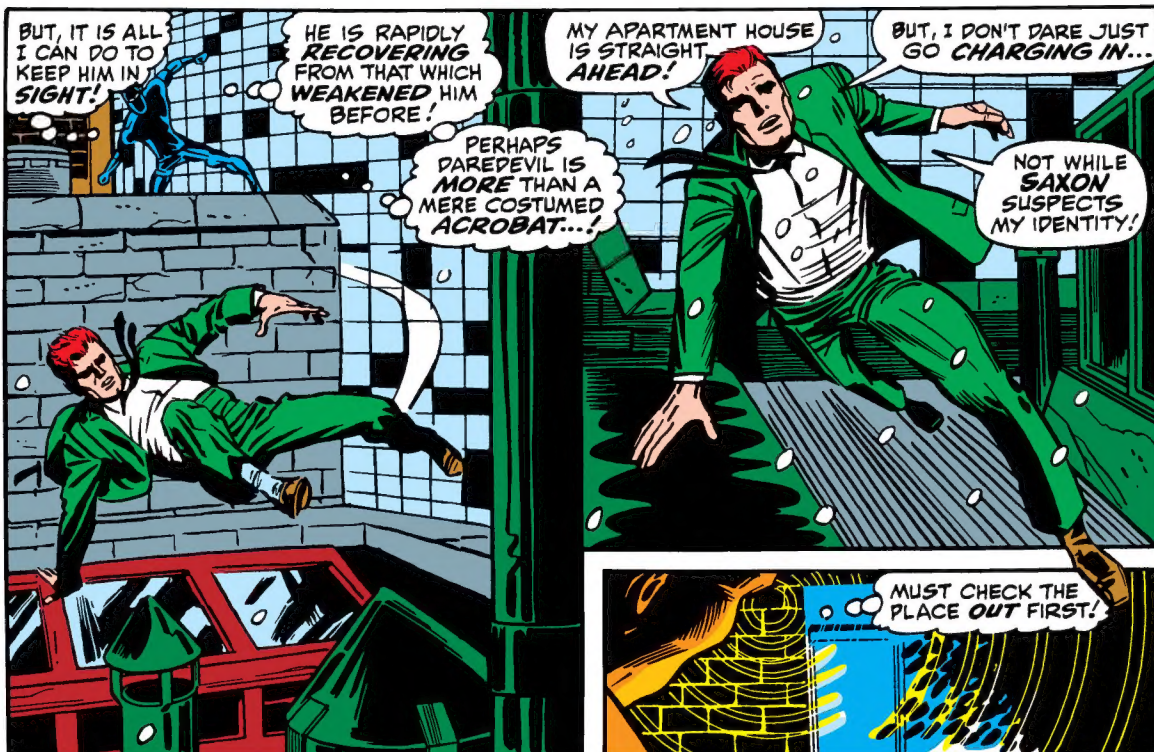
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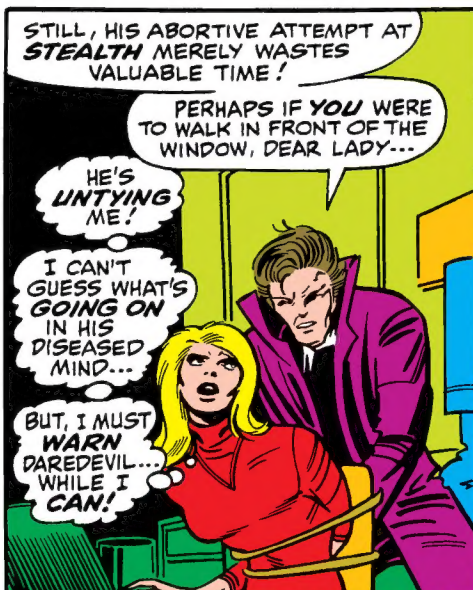
IN MATT
MURDOCK'S
APARTMENT?

NOT SO UNLIKELY
A PLACE AS YOU SUS-
PECT, LOVELY LADY!









STILL, HIS ABORTIVE ATTEMPT AT **STEALTH** MERELY WASTES VALUABLE TIME!

PERHAPS IF *YOU* WERE TO WALK IN FRONT OF THE WINDOW, DEAR LADY...

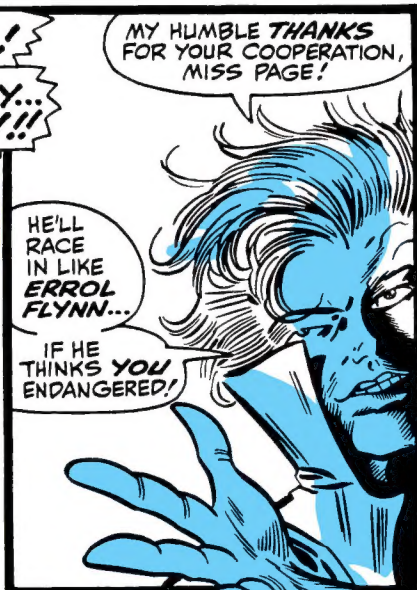
HE'S **UNTYING** ME!

I CAN'T GUESS WHAT'S **GOING ON** IN HIS DISEASED MIND...

BUT, I MUST **WARN DAREDEVIL...** WHILE I **CAN!**



DAREDEVIL!
GET AWAY... QUICKLY!!



MY HUMBLE **THANKS** FOR YOUR COOPERATION, MISS PAGE!

HE'LL RACE IN LIKE **ERROL FLYNN**...

IF HE THINKS *YOU* ENDANGERED!

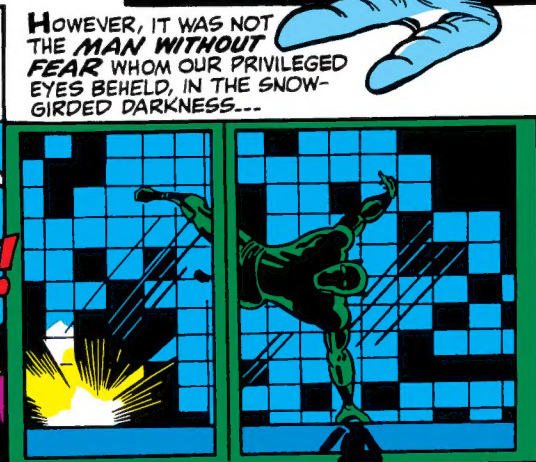


AND NOW, PLEASE **SAY NO MORE...**

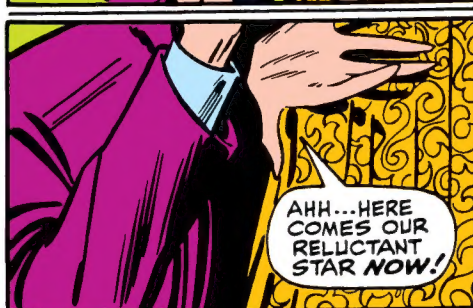
OR YOU'LL FORCE ME TO **USE** THIS PISTOL... ON **HIM!**



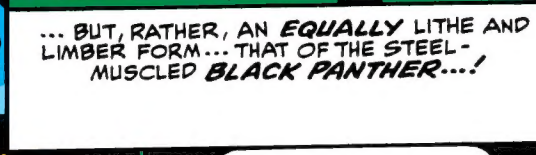
WE'LL SET THE SOUND-STAGE... IN **BASIC BLACK!**



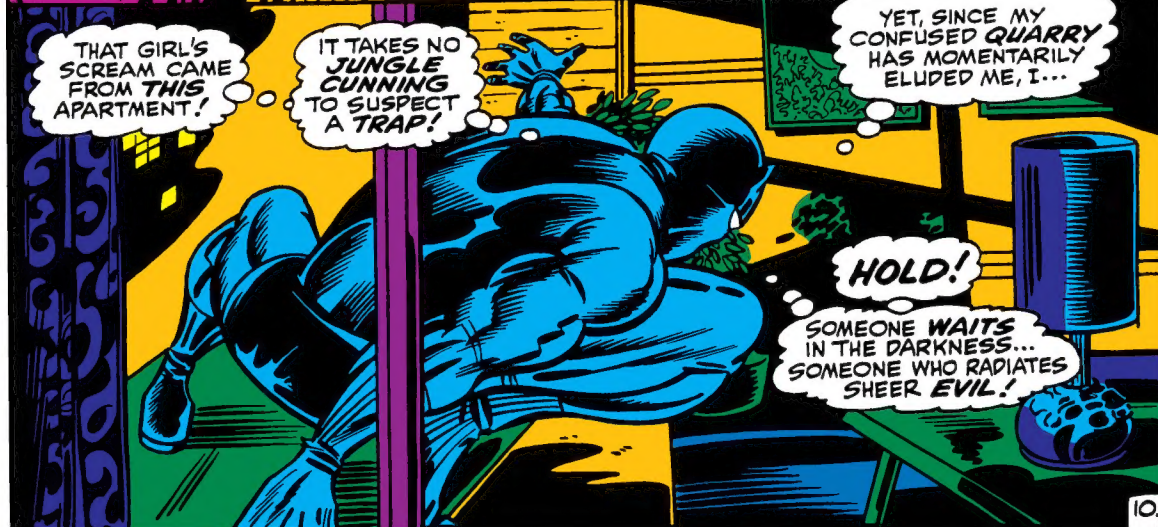
HOWEVER, IT WAS NOT THE **MAN WITHOUT FEAR** WHOM OUR PRIVILEGED EYES BEHELD, IN THE SNOW-GIRDED DARKNESS...



AHH... HERE COMES OUR RELUCTANT **STAR** NOW!



... BUT, RATHER, AN **EQUALLY** LITHE AND LIMBER FORM... THAT OF THE **STEEL-MUSCLED BLACK PANTHER**...!



THAT GIRL'S SCREAM CAME FROM **THIS** APARTMENT!

IT TAKES NO **JUNGLE CUNNING** TO SUSPECT A **TRAP!**

YET, SINCE MY **CONFUSED QUARRY** HAS MOMENTARILY ELUDED ME, I...

HOLD!

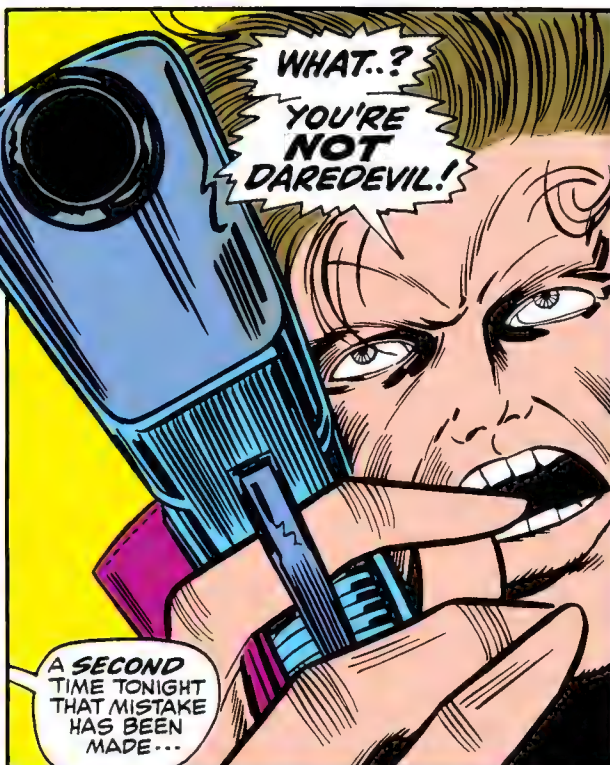
SOMEONE **WAITS** IN THE DARKNESS... SOMEONE WHO **RADIATES SHEER EVIL!**



THE NEED FOR STEALTH IS *ENDED*, MY FRIEND!

STEP INTO MY PARLOR!

OR SHOULD I SAY, YOUR P...



WHAT..?
YOU'RE **NOT** DAREDEVIL!

A *SECOND* TIME TONIGHT THAT MISTAKE HAS BEEN MADE...



BUT, *THIS* TIME...

BY SOMEONE WHO COULD ONLY MEAN TO HARM DAREDEVIL!

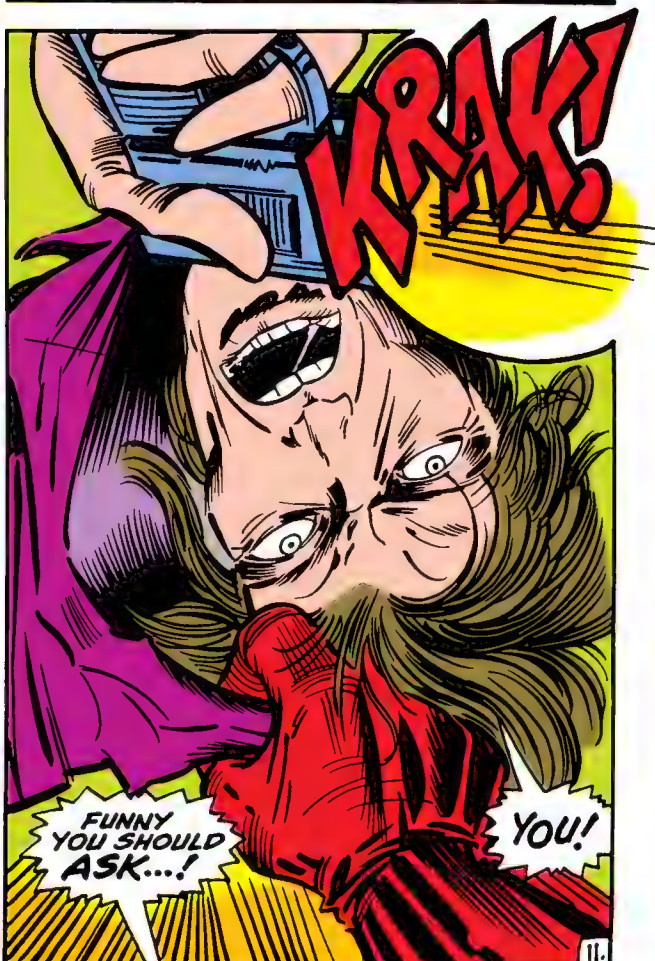
RELEASE THE GIRL, JACKAL!

NOT A CHANCE, FOOL!

OOHHH...

DON'T YOU RECOGNIZE STANDARD MOVIE-VILLAIN PROCEDURE WHEN YOU SEE IT?

NOW TELL ME... WHERE IS DAREDEVIL...?



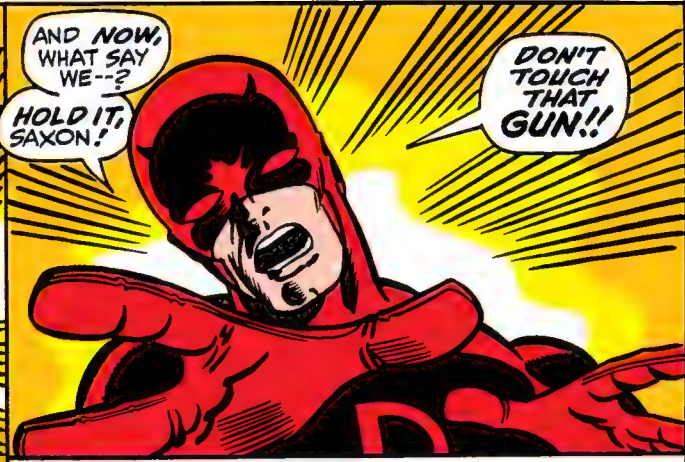
KRAK!

FUNNY YOU SHOULD ASK...!

YOU!

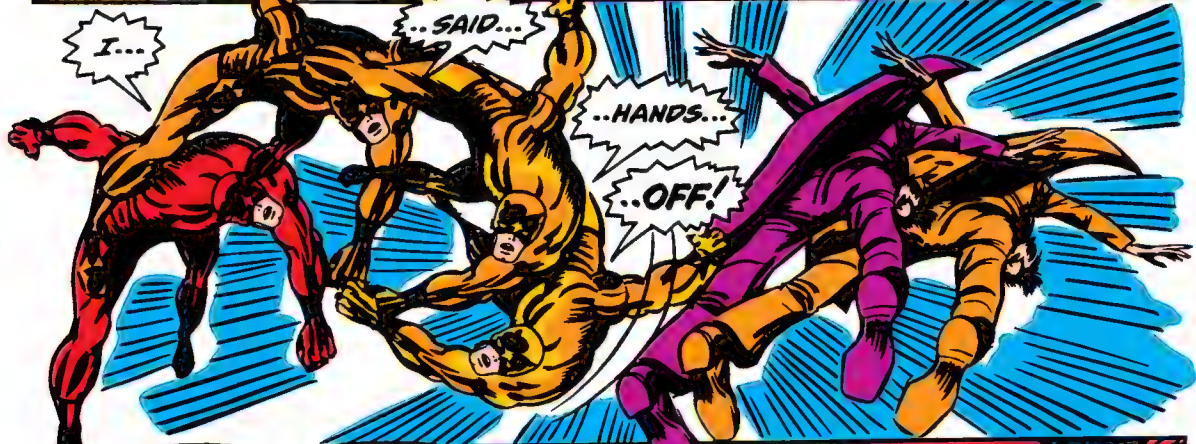
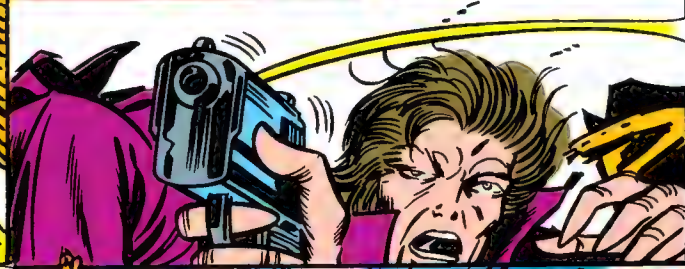


YOU WERE EXPECTING THE KEY-STONE COPS?



AND NOW, WHAT SAY WE--?
HOLD IT, SAXON!

DON'T TOUCH THAT GUN!!



I...

...SAID...

...HANDS...

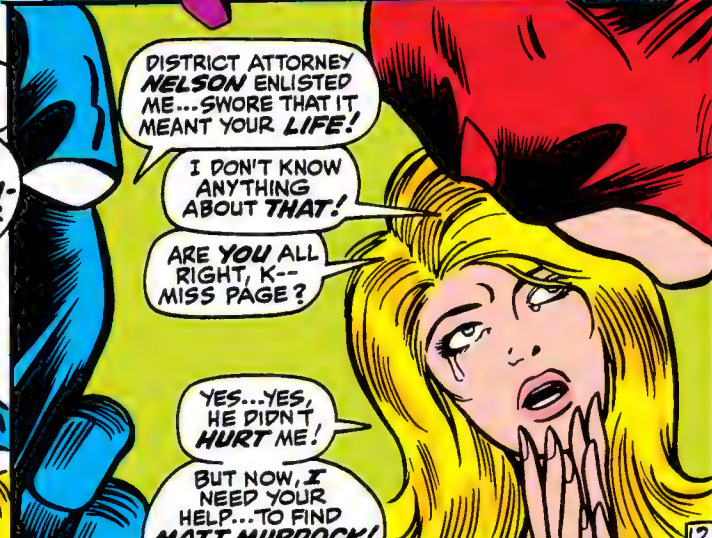
...OFF!



GET UP, SAXON, BEFORE I...
WHO IN BLUE BLAZES..?

EASY, MY FRIEND!
I AM CALLED... THE BLACK PANTHER!

I HAVE BEEN SEARCHING FOR YOU!



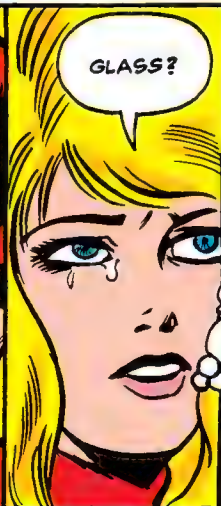
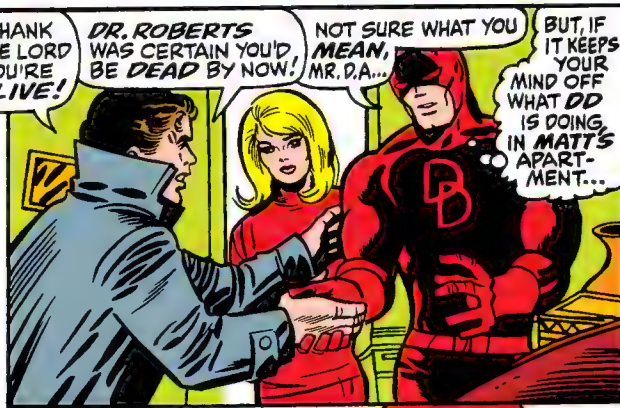
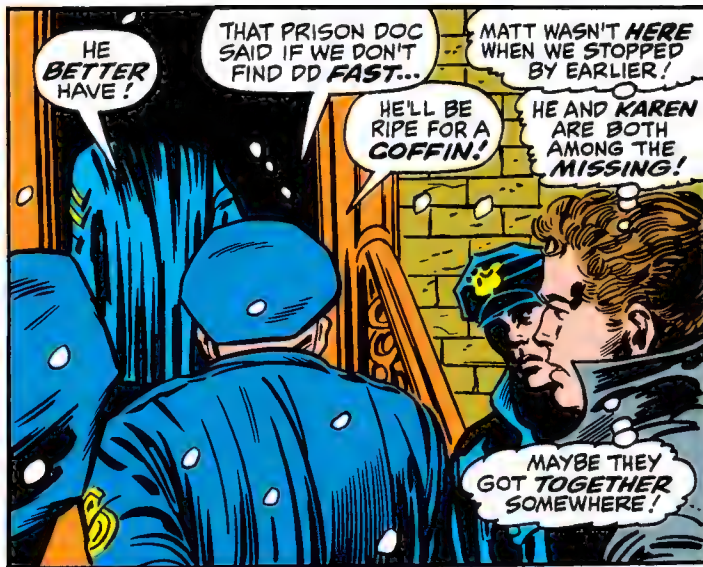
DISTRICT ATTORNEY NELSON ENLISTED ME... SWORE THAT IT MEANT YOUR LIFE!

I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THAT!

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, K-- MISS PAGE?

YES...YES, HE DIDN'T HURT ME!

BUT NOW, I NEED YOUR HELP... TO FIND MATT MURDOCK!





JUST THEN, A FORTUITOUS
INTERRUPTION...

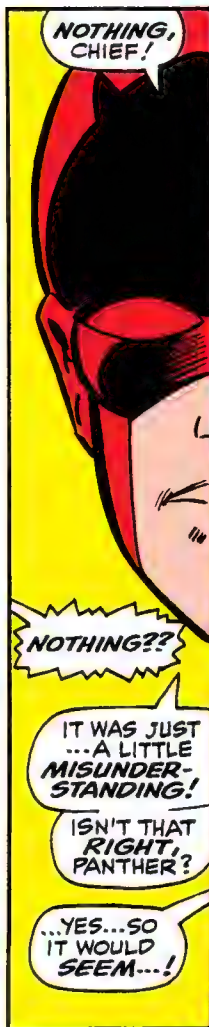
LOOK,
DD...

MAYBE WE
DON'T HAVE
TO WORRY
ABOUT *YOUR*
HEALTH AND
WELFARE ANY
MORE!

BUT WHAT
ABOUT THIS
BOZO CATCHIN'
40 ON THE
FLOOR?

THE PANTHER
HERE SAID YOU
AND HE WOULD
PREFER
CHARGES!

WHAT'RE YOU
CHARGIN' HIM
WITH?



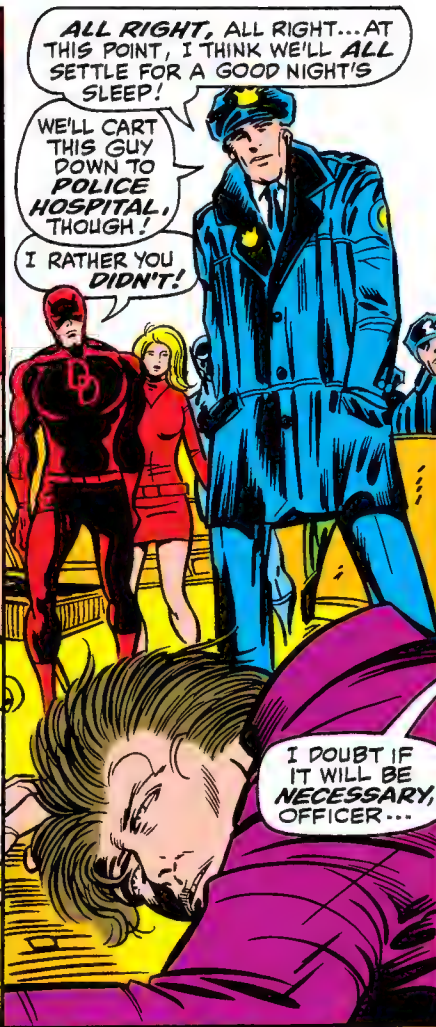
NOTHING,
CHIEF!

NOTHING??

IT WAS JUST
...A LITTLE
MISUNDER-
STANDING!

ISN'T THAT
RIGHT,
PANTHER?

...YES...SO
IT WOULD
SEEM...!



ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT...AT
THIS POINT, I THINK WE'LL *ALL*
SETTLE FOR A GOOD NIGHT'S
SLEEP!

WE'LL CART
THIS GUY
DOWN TO
POLICE
HOSPITAL,
THOUGH!

I RATHER YOU
DIDN'T!

I DOUBT IF
IT WILL BE
NECESSARY,
OFFICER...



FROM WHAT I CAN
TELL, THIS MAN WAS
MERELY... *STUNNED!*

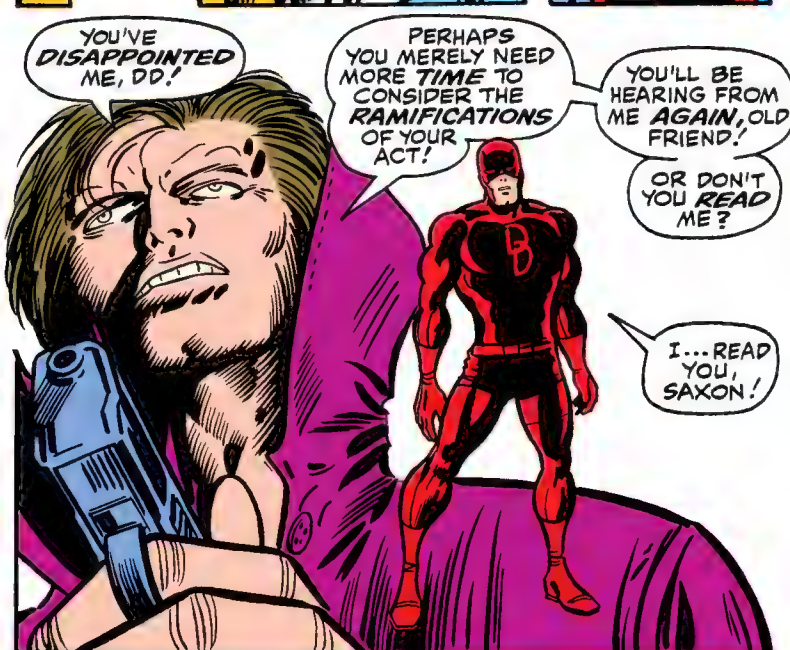
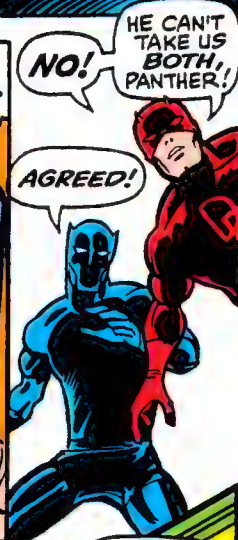
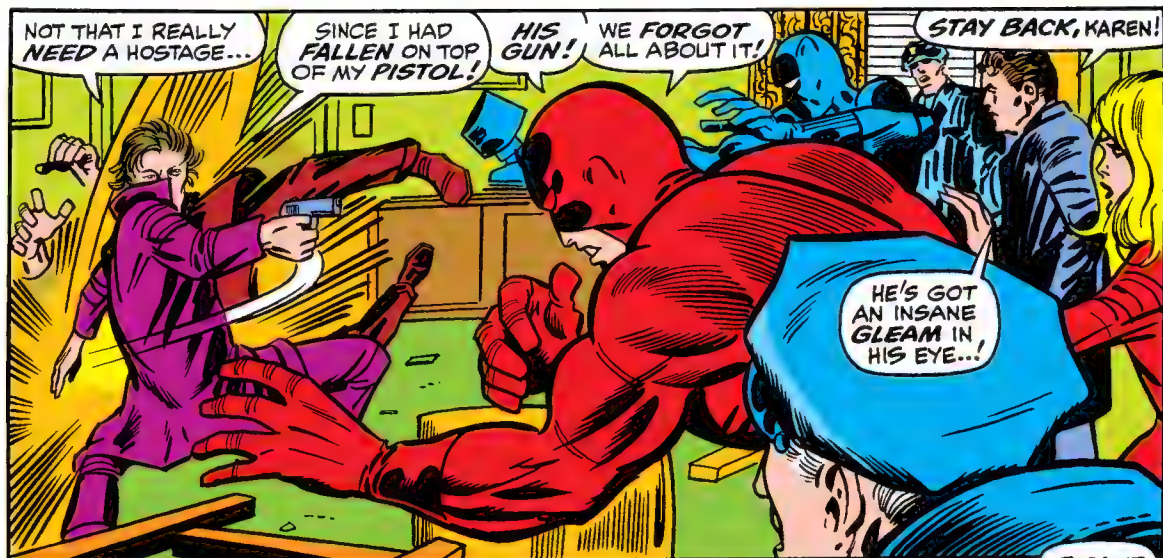
IN FACT,
HIS BREATHING
IS *REGULAR*...
ALMOST AS IF HE
WERE *FAK--*

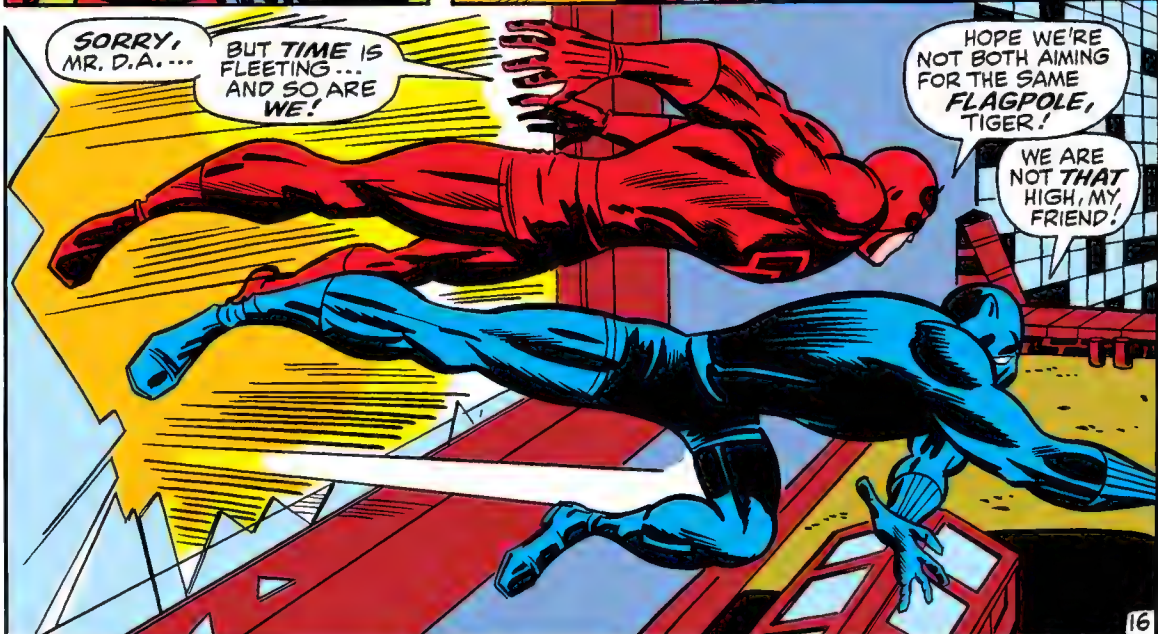
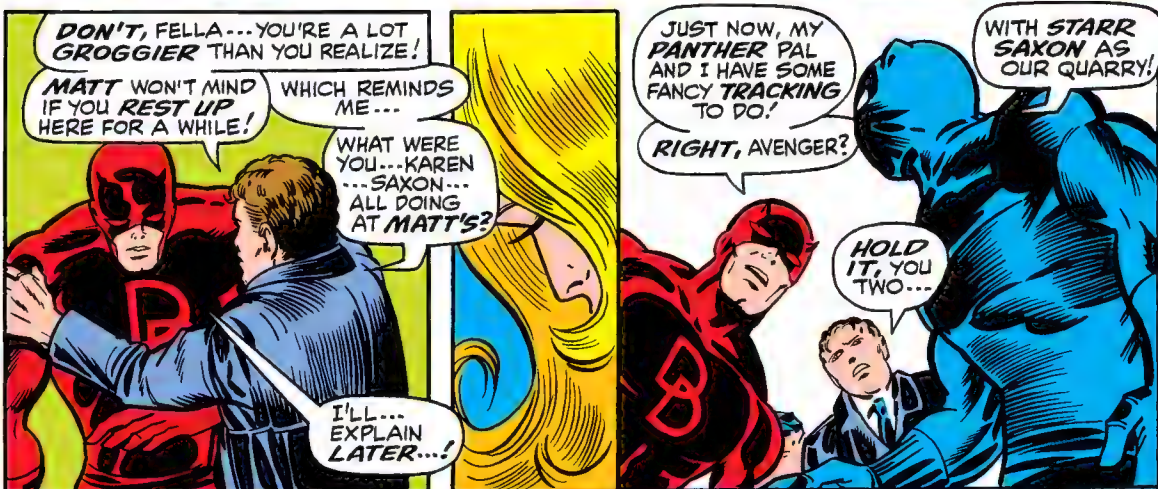
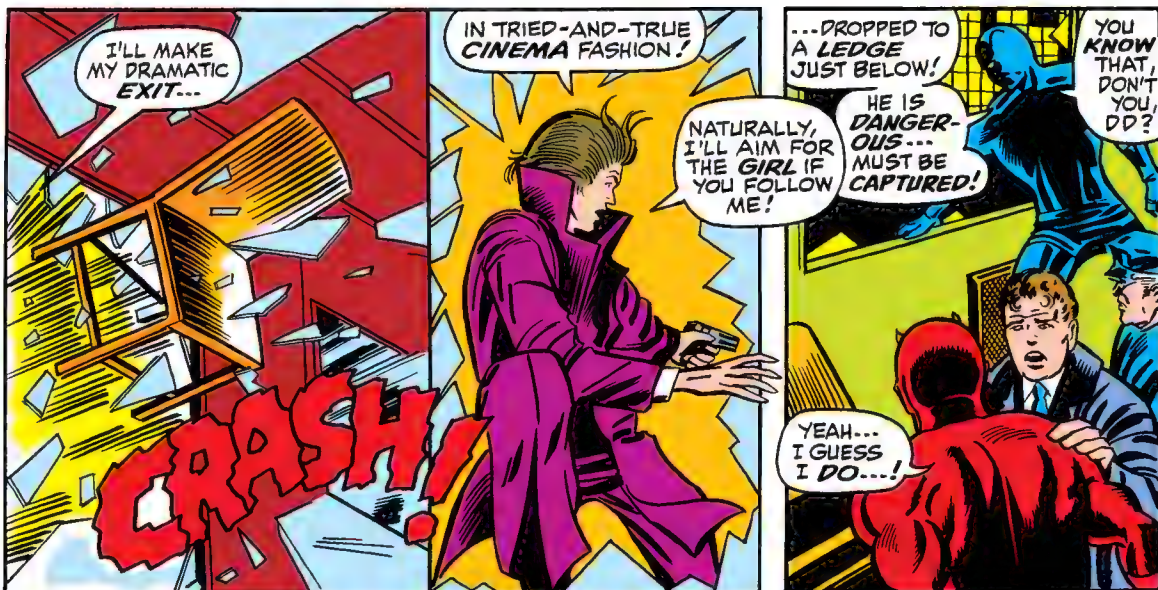
AAARRHH!

MAKE ONE
MOVE...
AND THE GOOD
DOCTOR *DIES!*

NO ONE IS TAKING
IN STARR SAXON!

NO ONE!





AND SO, THE NEXT MOMENT, TWO LITHE AND LEAPING FORMS ARE SILHOUETTED AGAINST THE SNOW-FLECKED MOON... TWO DYNAMIC FIGURES WHOM THE WORLD WOULD NEVER SUSPECT OF BEING A PROUD **AFRICAN MONARCH** --- AND A **BLIND MAN** ---!

ALL RIGHT, PANTHER... YOU PICKED UP ON YOUR PART LIKE A PRO!

BUT FROM HERE ON IN, IT'S STRICTLY **DARE-DEVIL'S SHOW!**

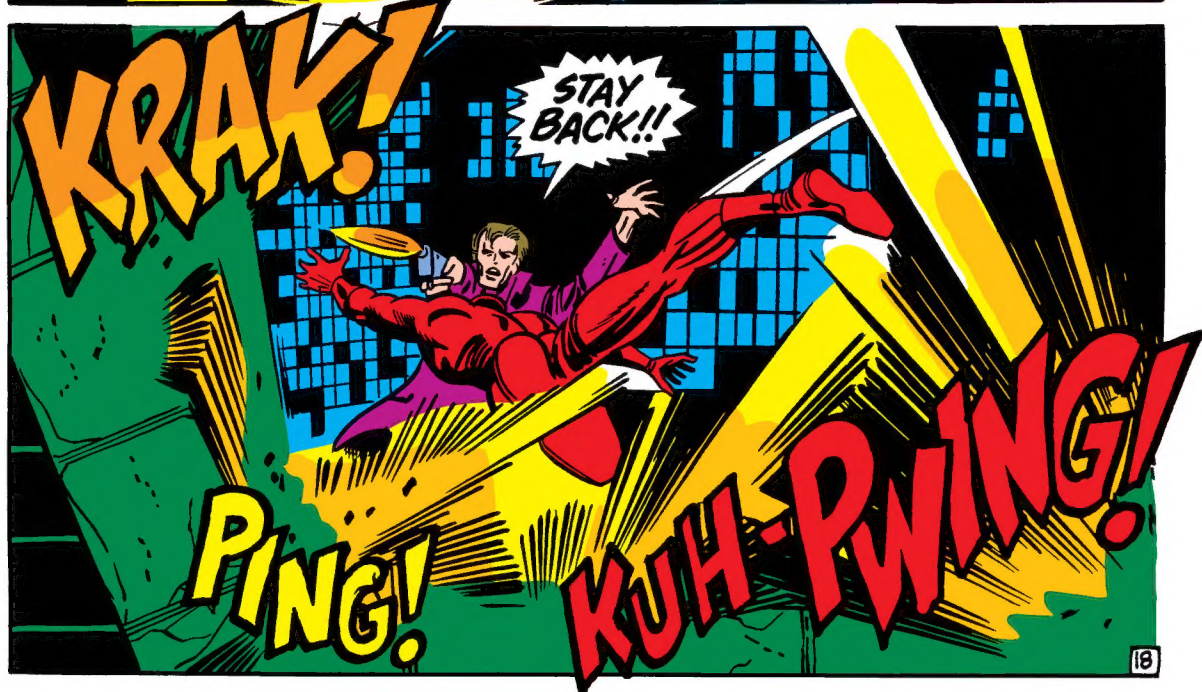
SO GIVE MY REGARDS TO YOUR **AVENGING BUDDIES...**

...AND **THANKS!!**

THEN, SINCE I AM CERTAIN YOU CAN EASILY **LOCATE** OUR FLEEING FOE...

... AND SINCE I STILL CAN ONLY **GUESS** AT THE ISSUES INVOLVED...

I'LL TAKE MY **LEAVE!**

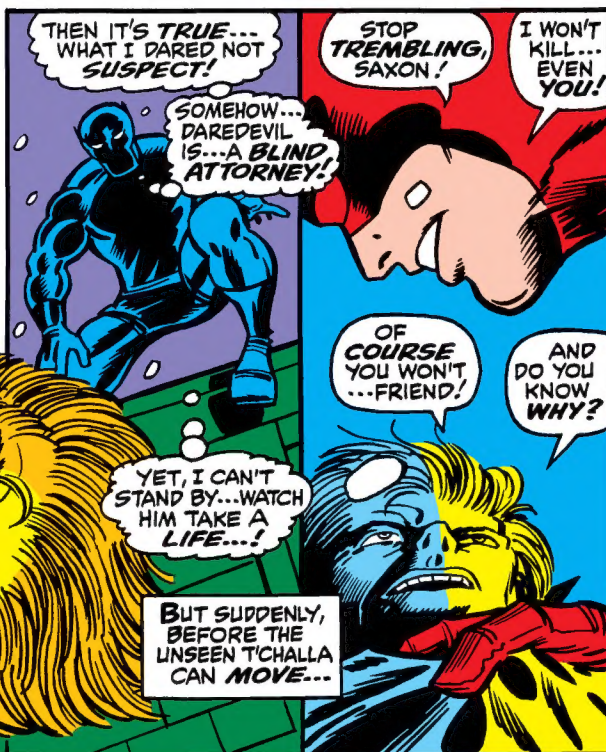




YOU'VE
HAD IT,
SAXON!

NOW YOU'RE GOING TO
PAY... FOR YOUR ATTACKS
ON **ME...** ON **KAREN...**
AND FOR THE **DEATH**
OF **BIGGIE BENSON!**

MURDOCK...
DON'T! YOU'LL
KILL ME...!



THEN IT'S **TRUE...**
WHAT I DARED NOT
SUSPECT!

SOMEHOW...
DAREDEVIL
IS...A **BLIND**
ATTORNEY!

STOP
TREMBLING,
SAXON!

I WON'T
KILL...
EVEN
YOU!

OF
COURSE
YOU WON'T
...FRIEND!

AND
DO YOU
KNOW
WHY?

YET, I CAN'T
STAND BY...WATCH
HIM TAKE A
LIFE...!

BUT SUDDENLY,
BEFORE THE
UNSEEN T'CHALLA
CAN **MOVE...**



IT'S BECAUSE,
FOR ALL YOUR
DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS
DERRING-DO...

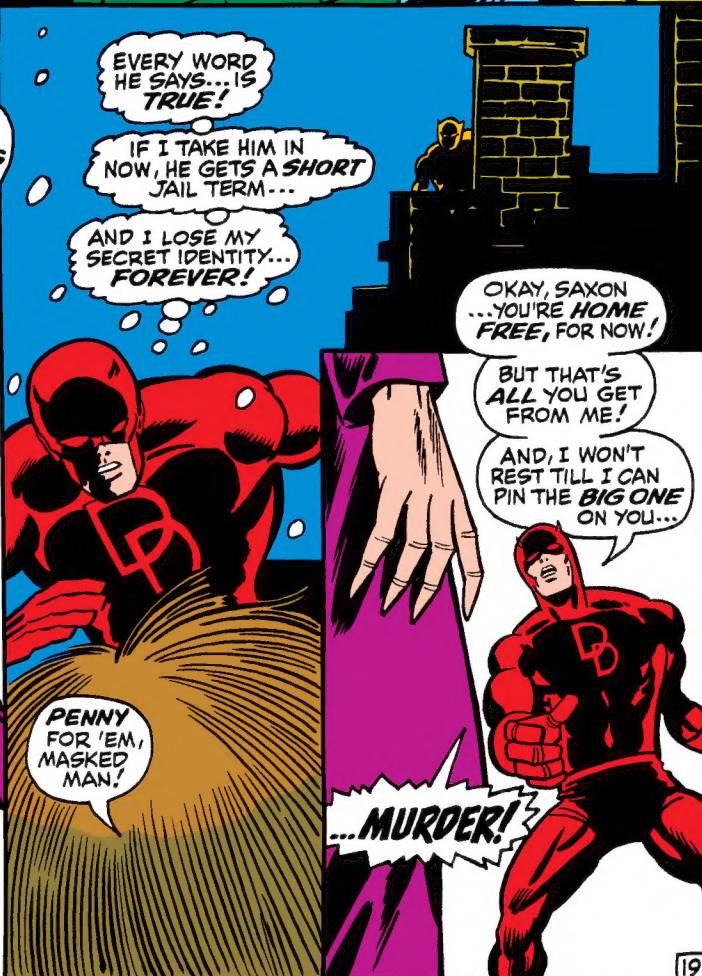
YOU'VE NO
SHRED OF **PROOF**
THAT I'VE COMMITTED
ANY **CRIME...**

AAAAH...YOUR
AVENGING
FIST **WAVERS**
A BIT, DD!

EXCEPT
RESISTING
ARREST!

ARE YOU
THINKING OF
BIGGIE BENSON
---KILLED BY A
ROBOT?

OR OF MY
FIRE-GUTTED
LAB...EVIDENCE
GONE UP IN
SMOKE?



EVERY WORD
HE SAYS...IS
TRUE!

IF I TAKE HIM IN
NOW, HE GETS A **SHORT**
JAIL TERM...

AND I LOSE MY
SECRET IDENTITY...
FOREVER!

PENNY
FOR 'EM,
MASKED
MAN!

OKAY, SAXON
...YOU'RE **HOME**
FREE, FOR NOW!

BUT THAT'S
ALL YOU GET
FROM ME!

AND, I WON'T
REST TILL I CAN
PIN THE **BIG ONE**
ON YOU...

...MURDER!

